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Interviews: 507 respondents
Dates: October 30-31, 1990

48 Male
52 Female
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Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Of the people living in your household who are at least 18 years old, including those who are not home right now, can you tell me who had the most recent birthday? (IF PERSON DOESN'T KNOW ALL THE BIRTHDAYS, SAY:) Well, of the ones you do know, who had the last birthday? May I speak to that person please? (IF PERSON WITH MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY IS NOT HOME, FIND OUT WHEN HE/SHE WILL RETURN AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO CALL BACK.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS THE ONE WITH THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS NOT THE ONE TO HAVE THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, ASK TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON WHO DID. AFTER RESPONDENT COMES TO THE PHONE, SAY:)

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Are you at least 18 years old and the person with the most recent birthday of all the adults living in this household? (IF "YES," SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

- Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes, registered.....	10	CONTINUE	[15]
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No, not registered.....	-	TERMINATE AND	
		DO NOT COUNT	
Not sure.....	-		

- In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing as president?

		10/19	9/90	7/90	5/90	4/9	3/9	1/9	11/8	9/89	
		-				0	0	0	9		
		<u>21/90</u>									
Approve...	56	59	75	67	72	75	69	71	67	67	[16]
Disapprove.....	32	32	15	22	21	15	19	19	22	17	

3. And looking ahead to the upcoming election for U.S. Congress, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

		10/19- 21/90	9/90	7/9	5/9	3/90	1/9	11/8	9/8	
Vote for the Republican candidate.....	33	31	32	33	34	25	26	27	29	[17]
Vote for the Democratic candidate.....	35	40	37	36	33	34	31	32	32	
Depends (VOL).....	14	12	14	17	22	29	33	28	24	
Neither (VOL).....	2	3	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	
Not sure.....	16	14	16	12	10	10	8	12	14	

4. Which party do you think could do a better job of getting the country out of a recession--the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Democratic Party.....	3	[18]
	1	
Republican Party.....	3	
	6	
Both equally (VOL).....	6	
Neither (VOL).....	1	
	3	
Not sure.....	1	
	4	

5. When it comes to the decision reached on the final budget deficit package, do you feel that it comes closer to what President Bush wanted or to what the Democrats in Congress wanted?

Closer to what President Bush wanted.....	2	[19]
	8	
Closer to what Democrats in Congress wanted.....	3	
	9	
Some of what both wanted (VOL).....	8	
Not what either wanted (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	1	
	8	

6. Which of these statements about the budget package do you agree with more? (READ CHOICES SLOWLY. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.)

A) The Democrats forced President Bush to accept higher taxes because they were unwilling to make larger cuts in government spending.....	3	[20]
	9	
B) President Bush and the Republicans forced the Democrats to accept a deal that protected the wealthy and put an unfair burden on average people.....	4	
	5	
Both equally (VOL).....	5	
Neither (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	6	

7. Now, I'm going to mention several things you might learn about a candidate for Congress in your district. For each one, please tell me if this would make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote for this candidate. (READ EACH ITEM AND REPEAT CHOICES. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.)

	Much More Likely To Support	Somewha t More Likely To Support	Somewha t Less Likely To Support	Much Less Likely To Support	Not Sure	
He or she voted for the final budget deficit	16	31	25	13	15	[21]

package.....

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He or she expresses
objections to U.S. policies
in the Persian Gulf.....

24

22

25

19

10

[22
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He or she favors a
woman's right to an
abortion.....

36

17

12

25

10

[23
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He or she is an incumbent
in Congress.....

13

24

18

19

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[24
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8. And finally, I'm going to read you three reasons why some people think U.S. troops are in Saudi ("SAW-dee") Arabia. Please tell me which one you think is the single most important reason U.S. troops are there. (ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.)

		9/4-5/90	
U.S. troops are there to protect the world's oil supply...	35	50	[25]
U.S. troops are there to force Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait ("koo-WAIT").....	46	39	
U.S. troops are there to overthrow Saddam ("sah-DAHM") Hussein ("who-SANE").....	13	9	
Not sure.....	6	2	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	9	[26]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	1	
	1	
35-39.....	1	
	1	
40-44.....	1	
	2	
45-49.....	8	
50-54.....	7	
55-59.....	8	
60-64.....	6	
65 and over.....	1	
	9	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong Democrat/Republican or a not very strong Democrat/Republican? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly Independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	2	[27]
	1	
Not strong Democrat.....	1	
	3	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly Independent.....	2	
	0	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not strong Republican.....	1	
	5	
Strong Republican.....	1	
	2	
Other.....	1	
Refused.....	-	
Don't know/nothing.....	-	

- F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	8	[28]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	1	
	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	2	
	0	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	1	
	4	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	1	
	1	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	1	
	2	
More than \$75,000.....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	1	
	0	

May we please have your name and the town in which you live for validation purposes?

RESPONDENT'S NAME:

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss _____
(circle one)

Town: _____

RECORD THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT ASK!

TELEPHONE #: _____
(Area Code)

Interview began: _____ : _____ a.m./p.m. Interview ended: _____ : _____ a.m./p.m.
(circle) (circle)

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ACCORDING TO MY AGREEMENT WITH HART-TEETER

Interviewer's _____ Name _____ (PLEASE
SIGN): ~~~~~

Validated
By: ~~~~~ Date: ~~~~~